

Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee (RICC)

Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2008

12:00 – 12:30 New Business

Introductions

Members Present: Trish Getz, Gilda Lubinski, Lori Wentz, Darcy Hopfauf, Peg Crane, Cheryl Anderson, Edna Keller, Shonda Wild, Corinne Chruszch, Jill Staudinger, Missi Baranko

Update Committee Member List

- Resignation of Beth (Childcare provider)
- There was discussion about seeing if Sheila Walter, Stark County Childcare licensor could be part of the committee. Missi will send Sheila information about the RICC to Sheila and find out if she would be able to attend as part of her job.

Reimbursement Forms were handed out.

2009 Meeting Dates

March 2nd - realized that this meeting date needs to be changed because it conflicts with an event in Bismarck that many of the members may be attending.

The March meeting was moved to Monday, March 9th.

June 1

September 14

December 7

Training Information

Update on Crossroads Conference - September 15, 16, 17- Members who attended the Crossroads conference shared information on what they learned at the conference.

OSEP - December 2008

Jill Staudinger, Peg Crane, Kimm Sickler, Lori Wentz, and Missi Baranko will be attending the Annual OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs) Early Childhood Conference. They will share information learned to the committee at the March meeting.

Other trainings

Shonda Wild shared information about Dr. Bruce Perry coming presenting on March 2nd in Bismarck. He will present from 9:00- 3:00 for registered participants. He will also be presenting in the evening to ND legislators. Shonda will send more info via email.

"Uniting for Early Childhood Day" will be held at the Capitol to be held on Monday, January 12, 2009. See attached flyer.

Topical Calls - Missi shared information about Family Voices of ND Topical Calls. To register for these calls, please email Missi at missi.baranko@gmail.com

In December, Donene Feist will provide a workshop on **(FCC) Family Centered Care**-What does it truly mean to be Family Centered, what are the components of FCC, how as families do you know if the services you receive are family centered. **This topical call will be held Dec. 15th at 7 p.m. (CT)**

In January, Donene Feist will provide a workshop on **Medical Home**, Medical Home is a model of delivering primary care that is accessible, continuous, comprehensive, family centered, coordinated, compassionate and culturally effective. **This topical call will take place January 12th, 2009 at 7 p.m. (CT)**

In January, Cathy Haarstad from NDCPD will be our guest speaker on **Sexuality for Youth in Transition**. **This topical call will take place on January 26th, 2009 at 7 p.m. (CT)**

K.I.D.S. Program Update

Jill shared that the enrollment of KIDS is at 85 (a record!). The committee discussed possible reasons for the increased numbers. One reason is that the referrals from physicians has risen quite a bit in the last 6 months.

Dickinson and Grand Forks Early Intervention Programs have been chosen to have a pilot program where they would hire a "para professional" to do things such as working with technology (cameras, smart boards, etc) as well as doing research and copying of materials. This program may begin in early 2009.

Staffing Update - fully staffed

Numbers Update - 85 enrolled as of December 1st.

Right Track Program Update

	Screened	Referred to KIDS
August	35	3
September	68	3
October	31	0
November	51	6

Preschool Update

ECC

Cheryl shared that currently they have 46 children on IEP's. She also shared that they have done 26 assessment plans and 63 screenings.

West River

Corinne provided a handout with information on children served. Currently they have 37 children receiving services. 17 are non-categorical delay, 1 has a visual impairment and 19 are Speech/language. She also shared that 18 of the 37 children currently served transitioned from Part C.

Experienced Parent Update

Missi shared that she has been attending a lot of IFSP's and helping to review IFSP's before they are put into the system. She also gave the information for December's Family Night Out - Christmas Cookie Decorating. She said this is usually the most popular family night out of the year.

12:30-2:30 Quality Improvement Plan

☐ Data

The committee reviewed the data. The most notable changes were the increase in referrals from physicians and the average age of referral going from 18 months to 14 months!!

☐ MR/DD Waiver

There was group discussion regarding the MR/DD Waiver Renewal. It is currently out for public comment. Missi shared that she had a conference call with a group of parent leaders to review it. Everyone was encouraged to view the waiver at the following website and to make comments.

<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2008/11-03-2008-public-notice-mr-dd-medicaid-waiver-app.pdf>

☐ CAPTA Referrals

There was discussion about CAPTA referrals and how the children often do not end up being evaluated. The concern was that we may be missing some kids that

may have some social/emotional concerns. If a child is not removed from the home the family has a choice if they want their child evaluated or not. They can also choose to have their child screened through Right Track or Health Tracks. There was discussion on the tools that Health Tracks is using for screenings.

- ☐ CDC Video - <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/actearly/>
The committee viewed this video. Some committee members may be using it in the future to help promote early intervention services.
- ☐ Part C Monitoring Update (Compliance)
No update at this time.
- ☐ Competency Committee Meetings
The meeting scheduled for November was canceled due to weather issues. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2009.
- ☐ Website
The committee discussed the benefits of developing/implementing a website for the KIDS Program. Currently some of the other early intervention programs have websites. There was discussion about the benefit of having an online referral form. It would also be of benefit to let families know about a website at the time of referral so they could find out more information.
- ☐ Early Intervention Referral Form
The new form has been distributed to referral sources and there have even been a few referrals made with it already! The form was mailed to physicians along with a memo explaining Early Intervention and a document from the American Academy of Pediatrics talking about the benefits of Early Intervention.
<http://aappolicy.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/pediatrics;120/5/1153.pdf>
- ☐ Brochure
The brochure needs to be finalized and will be presented at the next RICC meeting.
- ☐ Flow Chart
The flow chart needs to be finalized and will be presented at the next RICC meeting.

Discuss the following Action Steps from the QIP

<p>Educate physicians on the benefits of early intervention and the differences between therapy and early intervention. (Indicator 2) Will wait for the information from the Natural Learning Opportunities Stakeholders meeting and share the info with the physicians.</p> <p>12/2008 The brochure and flow chart are in the process of being completed.</p>	<p>May 08</p> <p>Updated – changed to December 08</p> <p>Updated- Changed to April 09</p>	<p>RICC Subcommittee, State Resources (possible brochure), KIDS Staff, EP</p>
<p>Do a refresher course for EI staff and Case Management on how to complete the Oregon. (Indicator 3) The TA team will be meeting with staff in July 08.</p> <p>12/2008 Training will be offered in March 2009 by the state Technical Assistance team.</p>	<p>February 08</p> <p>Updated – changed to August 08</p> <p>Updated – changed to April 2009</p>	<p>EI Program Director, State Technical Assistance Team</p>
<p>Find out more specific information about each individual question on the family survey. (Indicator 4) We are still waiting for information regarding the survey.</p>	<p>May 08</p> <p>Still waiting for info.</p>	<p>Experienced Parent, State office (for data)</p>
<p>Educate physicians on things such as torticollis, feeding for suck-swallow-breath, not taking bottle well, hearing (including how to conduct a hearing screen) – so when they refer to direct therapy, they also consider referring to Infant Development. (Indicator 5)</p> <p>12/2008 Doctor referrals have doubled, so this action step did not seem as necessary. The committee did agree, though, that more education could be done on the issues of fluid in the ears versus ear infections and how this could affect language and learning.</p>	<p>May 08</p> <p>Change to August 08</p>	<p>Rehab Staff, KIDS staff, Right Track, EP</p>
<p>Pursue the possibility of presenting to the students in the college nursing program <u>or other university programs.</u> (Indicator 5)</p> <p>12/2008 Missi contacted the university nursing program and teacher education programs, but we have not been asked to present yet.</p>	<p>May 08</p> <p>Change to October 08</p>	<p>KIDS Staff, Rehab Staff, EP, Right Track</p>

Provide info to nurses that do home follow up with new parents – talk with Babykind director. (Indicator 5)	May 08 Change to October 08	KIDS Staff, Rehab Staff, EP, Right Track
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2:30-3:00 Old Business/Open Discussion

There was some discussion in regards to ear infections, fluid in the ears and the effects on hearing, language, and learning disabilities. The following websites were referred to:

http://www.drgreene.com/54_1.html

<http://www.asha.org/public/hearing/disorders/causes.htm>

We discussed some of the hot topics for the upcoming legislative session, especially the child care initiatives. Also mentioned were the Autism Waiver and the Newborn Hearing Screenings.

7/1/08 thru 9/30/08			10/1/08 thru 11/13/08	
Eligibility Information			Eligibility Information	
Automatic/High Risk	5		Automatic/High Risk	1
25/2	17		25/2	3
50	0		50	0
Informed Clinical Opinion	4		Informed Clinical Opinion	0
Not Interested	3		Not Interested	1
Referred to Right Track	3		Referred to Right Track	1
Not Eligible	3		Not Eligible	0
No Response	2		No Response	0
Referred to Part B	0		Referred to Part B	1
Transferred In	0		Transferred In	1
Total	37		Total	8

45 Day Timeline 7/1/08 thru 9/30/08	
No IFSP scheduled yet	0
Not Interested/Not Eligible	11
0-25	1
26-35	7
36-45	17
46-55	1
56+	0
total referrals	37

Average Age at Referral

14 months

Referral Source 7/1/08 thru 9/30/08			Referral Source 10/1/08 thru 11/13/08		
Right Track	15	41%	Right Track	2	10%
CAPTA	3	8%	CAPTA	0	0%
St. Alexius	0	0%	St. Alexius	0	0%
Medcenter One	1	3%	Medcenter One	2	10%
Physician	12	32%	Physician	9	43%

Parent	4	11%	Parent	3	14%
Social Services (non capta)	0	0%	Social Services (non capta)	1	5%
Health Track	0	0%	Health Track	0	0%
Rehab	1	3%	Rehab	0	0%
West River SS	0	0%	West River SS	0	0%
Other	1	3%	Other	4	19%
Other Program	0	0%	Other Program	0	0%
WIC	0	0%	WIC	0	0%
Total	37	100%	Total	21	100%